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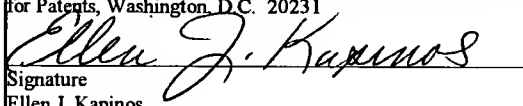
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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136**

We hereby request an extension of time for response of three months pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a) in which to respond to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2001. This extension resets the time for response from May 13 to August 13, 2001.

We authorize the charging of eight hundred ninety dollars (\$890.00) and any additional fees and crediting of over payment to our Deposit Account No. 07-1060, and for this purpose, we enclose a duplicate copy of this petition.

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